## **REMARKS**

The above changes eliminate multiple dependency in the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Bicks

Reg. No. 28,770

Roylance, Abrams, Berdo & Goodman, LLP 1300 19th Street, NW, Suite 600 Washington, DC 20036 (202) 659-9076

Dated: September <u>Ho</u>, 2006